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TO MRS JAMES B THAXTER RT 4 BOX 1636

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1. I DEEPLY REGRET TO HAVE TO CONFIRM THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, JAMES THAXTER IN AN AIRCRAFT CRASH ON DECEMBER 6 AT 1715 HOURS AT QUICHE. ACCORDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, THE AIR CRASH OCCURED APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER FROM AIRSTRIP AT SANTA CRUZ DEL QUICHE.

2. THE REMAINS OF YOUR HUSBAND IS CURRENTLY AT FUNERALES REFORMA, 6TH AVENUE, 10-14 ZONE 9, GUATEMALA CITY PENDING COMPLETION OF SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS. FUNDS FOR SHIPMENT OF YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED BY HIS EMPLOYER. OUR EMBASSY AT GUATEMALA IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS ARE RETURNED TO THE U.S. ON DECEMBER 9.

3. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. ROBINSON

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